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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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& CO.,

## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION.

RESERVE CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,400,000  
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION.....\$4,400,000  
RESERVE OF DIVIDENDS.....\$4,400,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-  
PRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

## OFFICERS.

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Shanghai.—EDWARD CAMERON, Esq.  
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Bank, Esq.

## HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Deposit Account at the rate  
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily  
balance.

For Fixed Deposits—  
For Savings—3 per cent. per annum.

## LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities,  
and every description of Banking and  
Exchange business transacted.

Debts granted on London, and the  
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,  
Australia, America, China and Japan.

## T. JACKSON.

Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, August 25, 1884. 1422

## NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG  
SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will  
be conducted by the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their  
premises in Hongkong. Business hours  
on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10  
to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation will  
form a direct security for the repay-  
ment of sums deposited in the above  
Bank.

3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250  
at one time will not be received. No  
deposit may deposit more than \$1,500  
in any one day.

4.—Deposits may be made on behalf of relatives,  
or friends, etc., in addition to the deposi-  
tor's own name.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less  
than a dollar may do so by affixing  
clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be  
obtained at the Bank or at the Post  
Office. When the form is presented  
with clean stamps the depositor will  
be credited one dollar.

6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having  
\$100 or more at their credit may at  
their option transfer the same to the  
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-  
poration on fixed deposit for 12 months  
at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the  
Port, by means of clean Hongkong  
Postage Stamps of any value.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per  
annum will be allowed to depositors on  
their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis  
with a Pass-Book which must be pre-  
sented with each payment or with-  
drawal. Depositors must not make  
any withdrawal without the Pass-  
Book, and should send them, about  
the beginning of January, to the begin-  
ning of July.

10.—Cover containing Pass-Books, or  
gilt-edged Letters containing Stamps or  
other Remittances, and generally, cor-  
respondence to the business of the  
Bank will be marked. On Hongkong  
Savings' Bank Business, be forwarded  
free of Postage or Registration Fees  
by the various British Post Offices in  
Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand,  
but the personal attendance of the  
depositor or his duly appointed agent,  
and the production of the Pass-Book  
are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the  
business of the Savings' Bank are  
exempt from stamp duty.

## For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION,

## T. JACKSON.

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 11, 1884. 1433

## Bank.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK  
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 16th July, 1884,  
under the Companies Act 1862, to 1883.)

LONDON BANKERS:

UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.

BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE-  
POSITS.

At 3 months' Notice \$1 per Annum.

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" " 12 " " 5 "

Current Accounts kept on Terms, which  
may be learnt on application.

J. MELVILLE MATSON,  
Manager.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

## PROSPECTUS.

PROSPECTUS  
OF THE  
CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERN-  
MENT SILVER LOAN, 1884.

AUTHORISED BY IMPERIAL DECREE  
Dated 4th December, 1883.

For Dollars 2,789,400.28 equivalent of  
Tails 2,000,000 at 7.7. in Bonds of \$500  
each, Hongkong Currency, bearing interest  
at 8 per cent. per annum.

Principal and Interest payable in Hong-  
kong.

The Loan is divided into Two Portions  
for \$1,394,700.14 (1 Million Taels) each,  
and marked respectively A & B.

The Bonds of Loan A are redeemable  
at par within 10 years (1887) by three yearly  
instalments, the first of which will be pay-  
able on the 15th March, 1888.

The Bonds of Loan B are redeemable at  
par within 6 years (1893) by three yearly  
instalments, the first of which will be pay-  
able on the 30th June, 1888.

The Bonds will bear interest at the rate of  
8 per cent. per annum payable yearly,  
according to the English Calendar, as per-  
fixed Schedule, at the Offices of the  
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING COR-  
PORATION, at the Current Rate of Exchange  
for Demand Bills on Hongkong. The first  
Payment of interest on Loan A will be on  
16th March, 1885, and on Loan B on 30th  
June, 1885.

The Drawings will take place in Hong-  
kong one month previous to the date of  
payment of the Drawn Bonds as given in  
the Schedule, and the Bonds so drawn will  
be paid off at par on the respective dates  
specified, at the Offices of the HONGKONG  
AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
after which date interest on the Bonds so  
drawn will cease.

Bonds to bearer will be issued on 29th  
October, 1884, in amounts alloted, after-  
ward on payment of the balance due on same  
from which date the public will receive  
interest upon the Bonds of both Loans.

SCHEDULE.

TABLE OF DRAWINGS AND PAYMENT  
OF INTEREST  
LOAN A.

Date of payment of draw-  
ing Amount of  
bonds and  
each drawing. Amount of  
interest.

1885—15th Mar. \$418,410.04 \$11,576.01

1886—15th Mar. 488,145.05 78,103.20

1887—15th Mar. 488,145.05 39,051.69

\$1,394,700.14 \$652,301.24

LOAN B.

1885—30th June \$111,576.01

1886—30th June 111,576.01

1887—30th June 111,576.01

1888—30th June 488,145.05 111,576.01

1889—30th June 488,145.05 72,534.40

1890—30th June 418,410.04 33,472.80

\$1,394,700.14 \$652,301.24

With reference to the foregoing, sealed  
tenders are invited for the above loan at  
the Offices of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION, at Hongkong,  
Shanghai, and Yokohama, until noon  
on SATURDAY, 15th October, 1884, when  
the tenders will be opened, afterwards to  
be entertained.

Also, a few sets of FUR TRIMMINGS.

An Inspection solicited. Commissions left with Mr. Cooke  
from those unable to attend will be executed.

SAYLE & CO.,  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, September 17, 1884. 1571

OVERSTEUNG TRICORD COTTAGE

## PIANOS,

by

NEUMETER & CO., WEIDENSLAUFER & ROSENKRANZ.

Specially manufactured for this climate.

COMPLETE IRON FRAME AND TUNING PLATE,

Unrivalled for Brilliance and Sweetness of Tone.

FINEST TOUCH.

Price for Cash, from \$230 to \$250.

On Hire, per month, from \$15 to \$20.

Special attention is called to the fact that after having  
hired a Piano for 14 months, it will become without  
further payment the property of the hirer.

INSPECTION SOLICITED.

Apply to Prof. A. VITA,

2, Alexandra Terrace.

Hongkong, July 14, 1884. 1559

W. POWELL & CO.

VICTORIA HOTEL BUILDINGS,  
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

GENERAL DRAPERS, SILK MERCHANTS, HOISIERS,  
HABERDASHERS AND MILLINERS.

M. R. and Mrs. POWELL have returned from England with an entirely NEW  
STOCK, and respectfully solicit the kind Patronage and Support  
of the Ladies and Gentlemen of Hongkong and  
the Steamer Mount Lebanon.

The PREMISES will be OPEN for BUSINESS on WEDNESDAY NEXT,  
17th September.

Hongkong, September 13, 1884. 1643

THE REPORT OF THE TRIAL OF  
LOGAN AT GANTON that appeared in  
the China Mail has been printed in PAM-  
PHLET FORM, and is now on sale—  
Price, 20 Cents.

WASHING BOOKS.  
(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOK, for the use  
of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now  
be had at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Hongkong, October 8, 1884. 250

## For Sale.

## Lane, Crawford & Co.

BEG TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY HAVE NOW OPENED THEIR  
NEW FURNISHING & HOUSEHOLD DRAPERY  
DEPARTMENTS.

WITH

A very large Stock of entirely

NEW GOODS,

SPECIALLY SELECTED FOR THE PRESENT SEASON.

CONSISTING OF:

BRUSSELS CARPETS, BEST FIVE-FRAME  
QUALITY OF PURE WOOLS, FAST  
DYES, and this year's Choicest Designs.

BRUSSELS 2nd QUALITY and TAPES-

TRY CARPETS, durable, moderate in  
price, and the newest patterns.

KENSINGTON CARPETS from \$17 each.

These are woven in one piece, bordered,  
fringed and

# THE CHINA MAIL

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## For Sale.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.**  
No. 63, Queen's Road East,  
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONER),  
ARE NOW  
LANDING FROM AMERICA.

**TOPOGAN BUTTER.**  
Eastern and Californian CHEESE.  
COWFISH, Boned.  
Prime HAMS and BACON.  
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.  
Family BEEF in 25 lb. bags.  
Boat Ideal SALMON in 5 lb. cans.  
Cutting's DesserT BRUITS in 2 lb. cans.  
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.  
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage  
MEAT.  
Stuffed PEPPERS.  
Assorted SOUPS.  
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted  
MEATS.

Lunch HAM.  
Lamb TONGUES.  
Clam CHOWDER.  
Fresh OREGON SALMON.  
Dried APPLES.  
TOMATOES.  
SUCOCAH.  
Maple SYRUP.  
Golden SYRUP.  
Cracked WHEAT.  
HOMINY.  
HONEY.

## FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

400 lb. Capacity.  
600 lb. "  
900 lb. "  
1,200 lb. "

## KAISER-I-HIND CIGARETTES.

in crystallized Boxes of 100 at \$6.00 per millie.

**SPORTING AND RIFLE GUNPOWDER**  
in 1-lb. Tins.  
  
**AGATE IRON WARE.**  
INSECTICIDE RUBBER.  
TUCK'S PATENT PACKING.  
  
**HITCHCOOK HOUSE LAMPS.**  
PERFECTION STUDENT LAMPS.  
LAWN BOWLS.  
  
**PAINTS and OILS.**  
TALLOW and TAR.  
PITCH and ROSIN.

Ex late Arrivals from  
ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF  
STOOGES,  
including:

**ALMONDS and RAISINS.**  
FRENCH PLUMS.  
TAISONNEAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.  
JORDAN ALMONDS.  
  
FINE YORK HAMS.  
PICNIC TONGUES.  
BREAKFAST TONGUES.  
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.  
  
Digby CHICKS.  
Yarmouth BLOOTERS.  
Kippered HERRINGS.  
Herrings à la SARDINES.

IRISH BACON in tins.  
COCONUTINA.  
Van HOOGEN's COCOA.  
EAT'S COCOA.

## SPARTAN COOKING STOVES.

**CLARETS—**  
CHATEAU MARGAUX.  
CHATEAU LA TOUR, plats & quarts.  
1868 GRAVES.  
BREAKFAST CLARET."

**SHERRIES & PORT—**  
SAUCONY'S MANZANILLA & AMON-  
TILLADO.  
SAUCONY'S OLD INVALID PORT  
(1845).  
HUNT'S PORT.

**BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.**  
1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.  
COQUETIER'S BRANDY.  
KNEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.  
KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.  
ROYAL GLENDERDE WHISKY.  
BOBBY'S OLD TOM.  
E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.  
ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.  
NOLLY PLAT & CO.'S VERMOUTH.  
JAMSON'S WHISKY.  
MARBALA.  
EASTERN CIDER.  
CHARTREUSE.  
MARASCHINO.

**CURACAO—**  
ANGOSTURA, Borden's and ORANGE  
BITTERS.  
etc., etc., &c.

**BASS'S ALE,** bottled by CAMDEN and  
SAUNDERS.  
SAUNDERS' STOUT, bottled by E. &  
J. BORDE, plats and quarts.

**DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER,** by the  
Gallon.

**ALE and PORTER,** in hogsheads.

## SPICY SWEETS.

**CIGARS.**  
Fine New Season's GUMSHAW TEA, in  
5 cent. Boxes.

**BREAKFAST CONGOU** @ 25 cents. &c. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF  
SAFES, CASH and PAPER  
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Price.

Hongkong, August 15, 1884.

## Intimations.



HONGKONG, CHINA.

## WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACT.

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

TENDERS are INVITED from Persons desirous of Contracting for the Performance of various Works required in the CONSTRUCTION of BATTERIES at STONECUTTER'S ISLAND and BELcher's POINT.

Separate Tenders are required for each place.

The Contract to be based on the War Department Schedule of Prices for Artificer's Work, already applicable to the ensuing year, and to decide what the number in which the National Contractors of St. Andrew will be observed.

The printed Schedules with Terms of Contract and Form of Tender and any further information necessary may be obtained by application to the GOVERNMENT SURVEYOR, Royal Engineer Office, Queen's Road, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

A sum of Five Dollars will be charged for each copy of the Schedule, which will be refunded to Contractors on returning the same clean and uninjured to the Royal Engineers Office, within one month of the date of issue.

Tenders to be addressed up to 12 o'clock, Noon, on THURSDAY, 28th September, to the SENIOR COMMUNICATOR, Surveyor, Hongkong, and marked on the outside of the envelope "Tender for Work at Stonecutter's Island or 'Belcher's Point,' as the case may be."

The Secretary of State for War does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

E. WALKER,  
Colonel,  
C. R. E.  
Royal Engineer Office,  
Hongkong, 16th September, 1884. 1570

## HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at Company's Hotel on MONDAY, the 29th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1884.

The ThreT BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 20th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

LOUIS HAUSCHILD,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 8, 1884. 1515

## HONGKONG STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in their PROVINCIAL QUOTATIONS to the Underwriters by the 15th Instant, in Order that they may be EXCHANGED for FULL PAY-OFF STOCK.

All Correspondence to the Company, on and after the 1st of October next, should be addressed to Mr. ALEXANDER BAIN, Manager, at the Works, Bowrington.

WILLIAM LEGGE,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, September 1, 1884. 1485

## HOP SHING & CO., ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS, COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON FOUNDERS, &c.

### WEST POINT IRON WORKS.

HAVING This Day commenced Busi-  
ness, are ready to undertake Work of the above Descriptions under the Super-  
vision of an EXPERIENCED EUROPEAN.

Orders executed with the utmost despatch  
and at moderate terms.

24th September, 1884. 1471

## Vessels Advertised as Loading.

### Destination.

### Vessels.

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### Agents.

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It is reported that the Chinese officials here have positively refused to put coal on board French war vessels.

We learn from the *Savoyard* that a Chamber of Commerce has been constituted at Haiphong, with Mr. Constantine as President, M. Faure, vice President, and M. Hu, Secretary.

The *Savoyard* says that the pirates have appeared afresh in Tonquin. A French merchant has been murdered between Haiphong and Bechin, and a junk has been seized by the pirates near Nanking.

The French transport *Le Vise*, which left here on the 7th inst., arrived at Saigon on the 11th, having on board the commandant of the *Villore*, who was wounded in the right hand, and some seamen also wounded in the affair at Foochow. The wounded men were transferred to the hospital at Saigon.

For several days past considerable uneasiness has been felt by the Dock Company's officials in consequence of rumoured threats of an attack being made by the Chinese on the wharfs at present being repaired at the Comptoirs Dock. This afternoon a steamer was telegraphed for by the Police station at Yau-ma-Te, and it was at first thought that the attack had begun. This fortunately, however, turned out to be untrue. It was expected that the attack would be made to-night. Two launches, with a body of armed police under Inspector Ordeick, were at once sent over. A strict watch will be kept all night, and an attack is not now feared.

A GRAND haul of opium was made by Sergeant Butlin and a party of Police on the 14th inst. at No. 114, Wellington Street, where more than \$1,000 worth of the drug, raw and prepared, was seized. One of the residents of the house, Ho Au, an opium dealer, appears to have been carrying on the preparation of opium on a considerable scale, and was this morning found guilty of a breach of the opium regulations, and fined the full amount permitted by the ordinance, viz., one thousand dollars, or six months' imprisonment. We believe Mr. Denny, who appeared for the defendant, proposed appealing against the decision.

We published a telegram from Canton a day or two ago stating: "Rewards are offered to Chinese who destroy the French vessel at Hongkong or Macao." Judging from what our Canton correspondent says in his letter published elsewhere, our reading of the telegram was not quite accurate, or some of the words got transposed in the process of transmitting. The proclamation in question offers rewards "to those Chinese in Hongkong or Macao who will destroy or injure French ships." The proclamation is equally bad, and contrary to international law, whether it be read as our correspondent reads it, or, according to the interpretation placed upon it in our telegram. Such a notification may be intended with very awkward and serious results if the Chinese here act up to its instructions. It is solely the duty of British authorities to direct and control the conduct of persons residing on British soil, and such persons must not be urged to take advantage of their residence in British possessions to commit hostile acts against a Power with which England is at peace.

A TRAGIC event of a rather mysterious nature occurred in the Colony since Tuesday afternoon. Yesterday afternoon, about four o'clock, the body of a European, which has been identified as that of J. Shanks, a young man in the employ of R. & Co., was picked up on the beach near the beach in the little bay opposite the Observatory at Kowloon.

What could deceased was dressed in an ordinary white suit and nothing was found upon his person but a small silver pencil case and a key belonging to his employer's cash box, with the name of the firm inscribed upon a label attached to it. The trouser pockets were turned inside out.

Deceased left Messrs. Ross & Co.'s store at half past two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, after taking leave to go out for five minutes. He was then apparently in his usual health and spirits. Nothing definite has yet transpired as to his movements after leaving the shop, or to account for his getting into the water. He was a member of the Recreation Club and a fair golfer, and it is very improbable that he could have accidentally fallen into the harbour and been drowned.

A Committee, consisting of Messrs. W. Parfitt, G. E. A. von Willig and J. A. Gudridger, was summoned to-day, and proceeded at 12.30 p.m. to the new mortuary for the purpose of viewing the body, but the ceremony was adjourned until Monday next, if not to the Magistrate, by which time it is believed by the Police that some information may be obtained which will throw some light upon the sad and mysterious death.

The Revenue Officer, Fei Hoo arrived at Amoy on the 10th inst. from the Northern Light-houses. The day before his arrival he had been informed that the gunboat *Fei Hoo* had been captured by the *Wing-lok*, and he had been told that the *Wing-lok* had been captured by the *Fei Hoo*. He had been told that the *Wing-lok* had been captured by the *Fei Hoo*, and he had been told that the *Fei Hoo* had been captured by the *Wing-lok*.

This special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to be held on Monday next is, we believe, called to consider the resolutions passed at the public meeting held in Shanghai on Tuesday last. The object of these resolutions was to urge the Powers to mediate between France and China. As we stated last night, while both France and China are probably more inclined now for mediation than they were before the outbreak of hostilities, yet the expressed wishes of the Shanghai residents are only a drop in the bucket: what is desired is that similar resolutions may be passed by some of the most important commercial bodies in Great Britain and other countries. Such resolutions must, in the aggregate, exercise a very important influence. Hongkong is now asked to blend its voice in the appeal, and we have no doubt it will do so. Those are vital interests, so far as this Colony and Shanghai are concerned, at stake in the matter. Unless mediation be adopted we must confess we see but faint prospect of the Franco-Chinese imbroglio being settled for at least another nine months—until, in fact, the French have been able effectively to coerce the Chinese Government, which will probably require a considerable army instead of a fleet for its accomplishment. Yet if the existing state of affairs be maintained for nine months—and the state of affairs will most likely become even worse in regard to trade—commerce, and business of nearly every description, will suffer most serious and prolonged injury. Hongkong should, therefore, lose no opportunity of doing what it can to bring about a speedy settlement of the difficulty. A strong and unanimous expression of opinion, coinciding with that of the Shanghai meeting, will cost us nothing, and it will be one more drop in the bucket.

A THAI-CHAU paper has the following specimen of the censure of the Yankee rising generation:—"It was awful, awful awful!" exclaimed a train boy, just as a number of ladies were passing down the platform. "What does that which comes so awful? Has anybody been killed?" "There was a terrible catastrophe!" "Such were a few of the questions that assailed the youth. "Twin't no collision, ladies; but it was awful all the same!" "What was it?" "Don't keep us in suspense!" "Well, you see, ladies," a gentleman was standing right here on the platform, and just as the train started he gave a jump!" "—And was crushed beneath the wheels and his mangled corpse was strewn for miles along the track." "Not exactly, ma'am, but the train took his head right off!" Instantly the air resounded with cries of horror from the feminine group. When the boy would make himself heard, he remarked:—"I don't see anything horrible about it, ladies! The train took the man's body off, but he came awfully near being left!" The ladies turned to move on, the words "disgusting little creature" were bawled up on the air, mingled with a low chuckle from the train-boy's vicinity.

The *Ceylon Observer* learns, upon good authority that Mr. Wolton, the Liquidator of the O. B. C., is of opinion that the Chancery made the order entirely in the interests of depositors, as there is no reason to believe that the Bank's accounts would in any case be quite correct. The Liquidator is in possession of the accounts, and if the depositor's claim (*in-situ*) corresponds with the accounts he will be paid at once. It is only in case of dispute that a solicitor need be engaged. The Cayley depositors will be paid in Ceylon.

A NEW Zealand journal remarks that the benefits conferred upon the human race in the colonies by civilization societies are not always entirely unmixed blessings. Again, the Government are importing some 100 vessels and boats, with a view to an unlimited diminution of the rabbits. This would be all very well if these ferocious little beasts would bring them a punishment fit for the Devil; but, unfortunately, they are quite willing to seek their meals in the sheepfold and from the harvest. Settlers in the Wairarapa are already suffering from vermin, which have recently caused serious loss to breeders of valuable poultry, and it is only the other day that some men came across an old hawk which actually shot and killed a dog at bay, and was with difficulty despatched with firearms. Vermin have been known to attack a full-grown man before now, and if they and their still more vicious cousins, the stoats, are allowed to run riot over the country districts, it will be difficult to say where the mischief they may do will stop; certainly children will have to be kept close at home.

We quote an extract from the *Power* in which the fact is recalled, that Josephus can be trusted; that thirty centuries back, the great Hebrew leader, led an successful expedition up the Nile, to the neighbourhood of Khartoum, where General Gordon now avails a strong army. After marching the short space in the Power, we found the whole passage from Josephus quoted into the *Evening Gazette* with the following prefatory remarks:—

History repeats itself; and therefore it will be instructive at the present juncture to study the account of the Ethiopia invasion given by Josephus, remembering that the tribes which are now in insurrection are the very same races, absolutely unchanged, which in the days of Moses invaded and conquered Egypt. Upon the walls of the temple of Medinet el Abou, at Thebes, embassments may be seen depicting the result of a successful battle, where the prisoners were brought before the king together with bloody tokens of the fight. The captives are the Bhararee Arabs, who are precisely the same as at the present day; even to the peculiar fashion of the hair! it is impossible to mistake them. Other races who were allies from that time are pictured with the same fidelity; there can be no doubt that the Ethiopians were a combination of various tribes which represented the main total at the beginning of the nineteenth century, when we are preparing for the invasion of the Nile Valley.

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There is another proclamation out offering rewards to those Chinese in Hongkong and Macao who will injure or destroy French ships. All Chinese are called upon not to assist in repairing any boats of the French. Those who obey the commands of His Excellency the Viceregy will be rewarded, those who do not will be punished, if caught, and their families. The Viceregy is in no doubt a bitter hater of foreigners, and it may be well if his zeal does not carry him too far. Almost all he has spontaneously done so far has had a pernicious effect on foreigners, their property or their relations with the Chinese. All protective measures or all measures calculated to preserve the peace have been instituted through representations made by the foreign consuls. We may possibly hear of his Excellency doing some outrageous thing that will bring forth strong representations against him at Peking.

FOOCHOW.

(From our Correspondent.)

September 13th.

The state of affairs here is daily assuming a more serious aspect, and at no critical period it is to be regretted that the fears of a number of our lady residents were so easily allayed as to allow their return to a port where adequate protection to foreigners is not afforded. The residents of Foochow are now desirous of learning how long they are to be subservient to the Chinese Government, whose dictation to the representatives of foreign Powers is, if not added upon, certainly not resented. This may possibly appear rather strong language, but when the lives of foreigners are in such jeopardy as at the present time, and there is every appearance of something happening too fearful to contemplate, it is time that an open opinion should be expressed, and I need scarcely say that my views coincide with the general opinion of the community. It is said that Sir Harry Parkes has been petitioned upon the question; and although I cannot vouch for the accuracy of this report, it is certainly to be hoped that such is the case, as upon enquiry His Excellency will find that we have grown too much Chinese, and no one is more capable of providing a remedy for that complaint.

For my part, I desire to declare in the most categorical manner that the Panama Canal Company will continue and will finish its work without the assistance of any Government whatsoever; for the enterprise is purely industrial and is executed by virtue of a concession obtained from the independent Government of the United States of Colombia.

As to the rumor that the Panama Canal will not be finished at the date I have fixed—namely, 1888—I affirm in the most positive manner that up to the present time nothing has occurred which can cause me to suppose that the work will not be completed in 1888. As to the necessary capital, M. de Lesseps says that people seem to forget that the preliminary work, the machinery, the construction of ports, stations, etc., have occasioned considerable expenditures, without which there would have been much effective work to show for the whole expended. The company has, nevertheless, made money for continuing the work. In the first place, only one half of the capital has been called. The company has 150,000,000 francs at its disposal, and it has the authority to issue its paper for a further sum of 120,000,000 francs. Moreover, the funds that are in the hands of the administration, assure the regular advancement and non-infringement of the work.

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(From a Correspondent.)

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The Wesleyan Chapel at Chan Tsun, a large trading mart, distant a few hours' journey from Canton, has been destroyed.

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